

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
FISCAL YEAR 2011**

Project Details

1. Project title:

Center for Health Statistics Vital Records Imaging Project

2. Organization name and address (the recipient of the funds):

Department of Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology, Center for Health Statistics.

3. Contact information

a. **Project's primary contact:** Jennifer A. Woodward

b. **Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number:** 971-673-1185, [REDACTED]

c. **Email Address:** Jennifer.A.Woodward@state.or.us

d. **Project location** (if different than organization's address):

Center for Health Statistics
800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 225
Portland, OR 97232

4. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities.

The Center for Health Statistics is part of the Oregon Department of Human Services, Public Health Division, Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology. We provide direct services to customers by providing vital records as needed. Our office is responsible for registering, certifying, amending, and issuing Oregon vital records. Oregon law requires that all vital events such as births, marriages, divorces, fetal deaths, and deaths be permanently recorded and registered. These are the legal records documenting a vital event and, in the case of birth certificates, are the primary documents used to establish identity. The Center for Health Statistics also amends records to establish paternity, as well as processing adoptions and corrections.

The Center for Health Statistics is responsible for maintaining approximately 6 million vital records. Birth and death records have been filed with the state since 1903. Marriage records have been filed since 1906, divorce records since 1925, and fetal death records since 1919.

5. Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity?

Public

6. From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific –e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)?

DHHS -Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (no more than 500 words).

The Center for Health Statistics Vital Records Imaging Project will convert paper and microfilmed Oregon birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates from 1903 to the present into digital images that can be accessed and issued as certified copies via computer. Approximately 6.5 million records will need to be indexed and imaged.

8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

This project will provide Oregon Vital Records an updated system for archiving vital records as well as a method to issue vital records to customers more efficiently. Providing customers records via image will save staff time, resulting in cost savings for Oregonians, in addition to providing better customer service. Once the records are imaged, we would be able to operate a vital records office remotely in the event of an emergency.

A private or public contractor who has the capacity to image this number of records will be needed to complete this project. Therefore, an Oregon business would benefit financially if awarded the contract. The project will create jobs in Oregon because additional staff will be needed to manage the project and prepare the records for imaging.

9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

No

9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

Funding Details

10. Amount requested for this project: \$4,000,000

11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

\$4,000,000 is an estimate amount to bring in a contractor to complete the project and hire staff. This amount is based on the total project costs other states have incurred doing a similar project prorated by number of records.

12. What is the total cost of the project? \$4,000,000

13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011)?

Yes

14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts)

None

15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project.

None so far.